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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

July 2nd, 1885.

Hon Daniel McFox
Supt U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

I wish to call your attention to the duties of the Plumber of the U. S. Mint I do not think you know what he has to do no doubt you have a great many applications for the position when they speak of a Plumber that is only one branch the main thing you is a lead Burner If a Plumber does not understand lead burning he is no use in the Institution there are more of that kind of work done than any other of the branches there are only 12 Lead burners in the city of Phlada and I am one of them It cost me 120 dollars to learn that branch we demand

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8 dollars a day outside but It is not steady and It is very unhealthy My duty is to take charge of the Plumbing Gas Fitting Steam Fitting Lead burning Sheet Copper work such as lining Counting boards Bixes & Trucks with sheet copper also Tin work & put on all the Tin Roofs in the buildings no Plumber outside can do that kind of work I also have charge of the Electric Lamps & wires It took me 3 months of studying to learn Electricity and the nature of the Electric lamps and how to charge them I also have charge of the nightwatchmen's Electric Clock so you can see what the Plumber here has to do there are no one man living that understands all of those branches but myself that is saying a great deal that is the kind of Plumber that is employed in the Institution and that is the kind you have to want

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I thought I would call your attention
to the work that is to be done by the
Plumber I have made a great many
Improvements for the benefit of the Institution
both in saving time and labor It would
take a green hand a long while to learn all
of the pipes and stop cocks the pipes connects
different ways and would give trouble
the Electric Lamps has to be adjusted
every week by a person who knows something
about them I also have all my own tools
that I use in the Institution I have been
made blind for 3 days by the Electric lamps
I have been paralized by them I have been
knocked down by them and last week
lost the power of both of my arms for
3 hours I thought I was killed the Electricity
passed through my body and put out the other
lamps I think I can stand more Electricity

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The Mint of the United States,
AT
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,
July 28, 1885.

L. Heins.
Superintendent.

Subject: Accident to Thomas J. Plumber.

many other person would been Killed long ago the way it has effected on my system

I Remain your obedient Servant

Samuel A Heins Plumber
U. Smith

P.S.
will you please give me an order for 1/2 dz pair of Gloves for handling the Arc Lamps I can not handle them with my hands

No. of Enclosures,
Wed July 28/85

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July 28, 1885

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Supt. U.S. Mint

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Servant
Saml. A. Heins Plumber
U.S. Mint

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